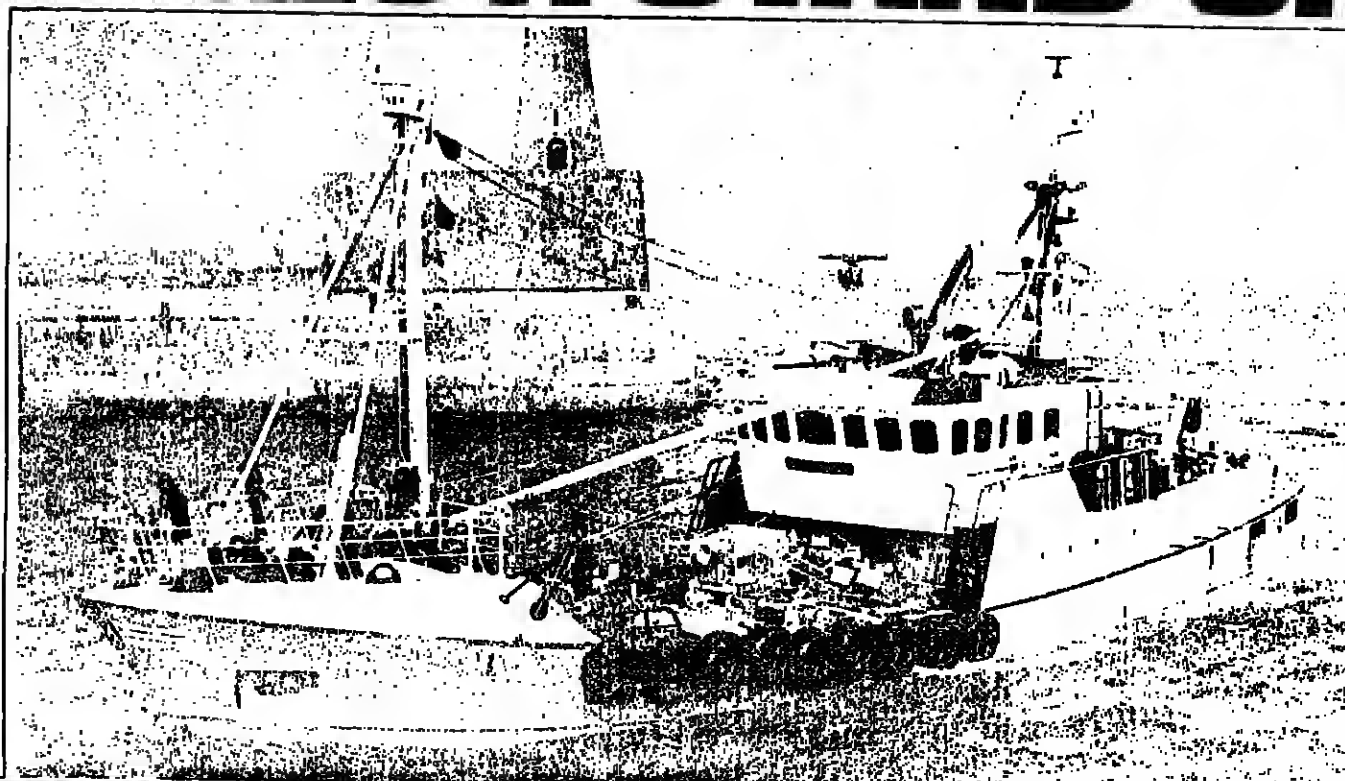


Fishing news

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It would be stupid on our part not to allow our fishermen to carry on fishing when the herring is inside our 12-mile limit — especially when Norway is catching, he said.

As it turns out, it is a very appropriate move because there happens to be a lot of herring inside the 12-mile limit.

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Denmark, Iceland and Norway objected to the Commission's quota last year and this year's scheme was agreed in April by a majority vote. A total allowable catch of 180,000 tons was decided on despite scientific advice, supported by the UK, that direct herring fishing in the North Sea should be banned for three years to allow stocks to recover.

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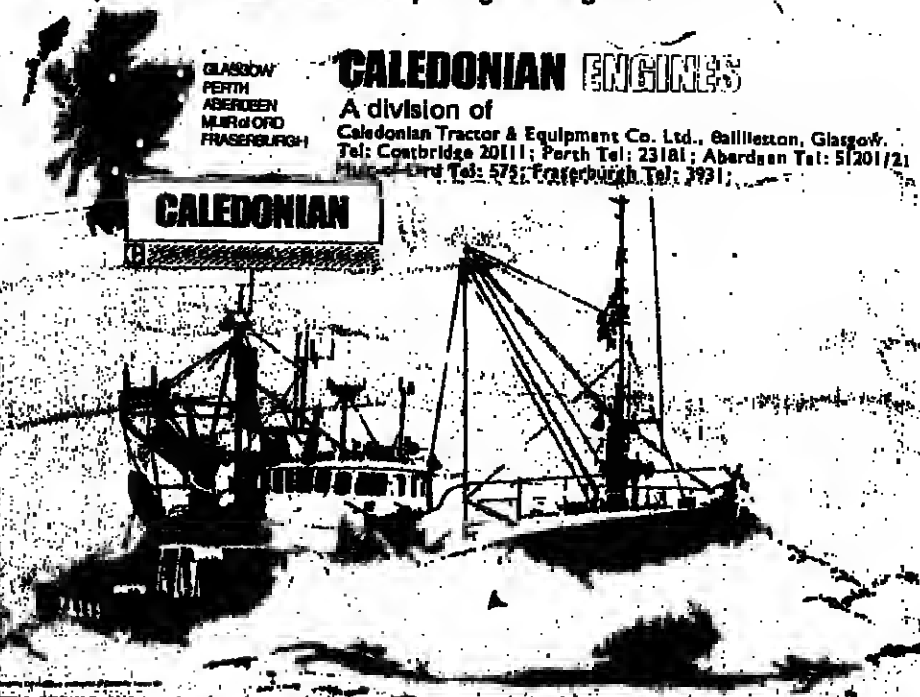
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Cod supplies at new low

FLEETWOOD cod buyers catches made up mainly of land one of their worst ever periods last week when landings of the variety were even stripped by night. There were no landings by trawlers fishing Iceland. It was left to vessels working the Rockall grounds to provide the port's main supplies. They continued to work a rich seam of squid and small haddock, and were rewarded with good prices for both varieties, despite the extremely hot weather.

Top ship honours went to the side trawler Wyre Conqueror (Skipper Joe Newsham) which returned after 11 days at Rockall with 687 kits, including 500 of haddock and 180 of squid, for a grossing of £16,804. But perhaps the outstanding performance of the week was that of the 108 ft. former Aberdeen vessel Mount Melcor, Skipper Bert Andrews brought the vessel back from Rockall after only nine days with 800 kits — 400 of haddock and 120 of squid — which sold for £13,260.

This was the biggest grossing made by the vessel since she was purchased by Wyre Trawlers earlier this year.

High price

With squid overaging more than £40 a kit, the absence of cod in catches was not the drawback it might have been. Royalist (Skipper Ken Benavise) had only five kits of cod in her total of 530, but it also included 140 of squid, which helped give the trawler a grossing of £12,411.

Royalist also worked Rockall along with the stern trawler Norina (Skipper Frank Wilson) which made £12,068 from 345 kits — 500 of haddock and 25 of squid. The side trawler Wyre Vanguard (Skipper Bill Spearpoint) had a grossing of £12,267 from 753 kits — more than 650 of haddock and 50 of squid.

Resilience made her biggest ever grossing since coming to sail out of Fleetwood when she returned to port with 196 kits, including more than 150 of cod, which sold for £5,842. Two other vessels of the same firm, J. N. Ward and Son Ltd., also did well with

Aberdeen conference

THERE is still time to register for the two-day conference being held in conjunction with the Aberdeen International Fisheries Exhibition. The conference, being held on September 16 and 17, covers both inshore and deep-sea fishing, fish marketing, registration form below.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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Please reserve _____ places for the Aberdeen International Fisheries Conference on Thursday, September 16, Friday, September 17. (Please indicate appropriate).

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Milford pickets called off as freezer lands

A 'THREAT' to picket the J. Marr freezer trawler Junella, which had been diverted to Milford Haven last week because of a bobbies' go-slow at Hull, has been lifted.

Earlier, Criscilla landed at Milford Haven after being diverted from Hull where freezers were waiting for anything up to 20 days to unload. This was the first time that a Hull freezer had landed at the port since the beginning of the dispute over bobbies' redundancies.

REDIFON TOURS EAST COAST



Ashlea lands two for treatment

THE Aberdeen trawler Ashlea put into port at Shetland twice last weekend to land two of her crewmen.

The BUT-owned ship docked at Lerwick where crew member Alec Swan-Montrose received treatment for a broken bone in his hand. And on Sunday the vessel put into Shetland after chief engineer David McNeil, became ill.

He was taken to hospital in Lerwick where he was detained for observation.

Plans were being made to arrange the journey home for Mr. McNeil, an Inverness man, and his fellow crew member.

AN Arbroath marine engineering firm is to change hands when its principal, William Teviotdale, retires next month. Since 1945, Mr. Teviotdale has run his business, serving the local fishing fleet, now boats being built in Arbroath, and servicing visiting boats of the port.

OUR TROUBLES A-Z

- AN INSHORE skipper who says the talks on events of the next few months are very crucial. All the industry is to survive at all.
- He has sent an A-Z of the fishing industry's current troubles to Fishing News. He is Skipper Merin Jackson of Bon Accord, a 50 ft 50-footer based at the Kent port of Ramsgate.
- A — Angor
 - B — Because of loopholes
 - C — Councils will banish EEC
 - D — Department of Trade and Interference
 - E — Environmental ignorance
 - F — Frustrated British fishermen sometimes use this bed word
 - G — Government appropriation of situation, NIL
 - H — High running costs
 - I — Icelandic fish selling at Grimsby
 - J — Joke department (Whitehall)
 - K — Killing off of our stocks by contamination
 - L — Livelihoods of British fishermen threatened
 - M — Men wholesalers and middlemen
 - N — No fisheries policy at all
 - O — Oh for some organisation
 - P — Peart, Fred
 - Q — Quota (Plebs are the ones with spots on)
 - R — Rising prices of fish to housewives
 - S — Separate minister of fisheries needed
 - T — Tangle, fishing industry enmeshed in
 - U — Ultra-sonic jellyfish measure (MAFF)
 - V — Very hard times ahead
 - W — Work
 - X — Vote for and get sold out
 - Y — Young people not attracted to this industry with no future
 - Z — Zelig port registered letter — can be seen off the Kent and Sussex coast any day.

Aground trawler lifts off with tide

THE Peterhead trawler Traveller ran aground on the southern tip of the island of Rhum one morning last week.

Madrigal lifeboat was called out and stood by Traveller until she was refloated on the morning tide. The Aberdeen-based fishing boat Ben Arke, which was passing, also gave assistance.

Traveller, which is owned by John W. McLean and Mrs Sarah M. Brebner of Peterhead, received slight damage to her keel. She is skippered by William Reid and carries a crew of five.

Lowestoft vessels in demand

MORE than 20,000 holidaymakers and "lunatics" turned the various Lowestoft trawlers that were open to the public during the summer season. Proceeds go to the Royal National Maritime to Deep Sea Fishermen.

John Stacey, the museum superintendent, said the number was expected to rise sharply because the new stern trawler Lady Queen — one of the latest additions to the Lowestoft fleet — was taking her turn.

Trawler viewing began this year in early July and continued until August 27 under arrangements with the Lowestoft Fishing Vessel Owners Association.



ABOVE: Retired Patagonian fisherman John Baird (82) and his wife Isabelle (82) recently celebrated their wedding anniversary. Mr. Baird made his first trip to sea on a schooner on the 10th of 1914 and later served as an engineer in the Royal Navy Reserve during World War I. Later he was part-owner of a steam drifter Rosemary and then the motor boat Rose. Mr. Baird is still active engaged in making crab and lobster traps for fishermen and his wife has been demand throughout the north east of Scotland. The couple have one daughter and three grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Russians lay-on 'floating doctor'

RUSSIAN trawlers have been providing a 'floating doctor' service for Fleetwood trawlermen on the Rockall grounds.

Crew members of three J. Marr stern trawlers have received medical aid from the Russians who are attracted to Rockall by good haddock and squid fishing. The Marr ships are fishing the area as an alternative to Icelandic grounds.

Skipper Frank Wilson of Norina said on his return to port that a deckhand broke a rib on the outward passage. "We contacted one of the Russian vessels and immediately he healed his gear

and moved to the rendezvous point and sent a doctor who treated the man.

"You get the impression that the Russians are kinder and unselfish. We found just the exact opposite. They were wonderful and couldn't have been more helpful," said Skipper Wilson.

The Russians also answered the call when fishermen aboard the Marr trawlers Iduna and Nacem needed medical assistance.

The mate of Iduna, David Geddes, was thought to be suffering from an allergy as a result of drugs given to clear up a poisoned finger on a previous trip.

Charles Scott

another son, David. This son is also coxswain of Fleetwood lifeboat.

In addition to working from Fleetwood, Skipper Scott also took the 24 gross ton Onward Fisher to other inshore ports on the west coast, being particularly adept at prawn fishing. His success must be acknowledged as one of the main factors in establishing the inshore stern fishing vessel at Fleetwood.

He pioneered this new form of craft at the port end, in doing so, earned great respect.

Skipper Scott, who was a member of the Lancashire and Western Sea Fisheries Committee, was native in the industry right up to his death. Last year he took delivery of the small stern trawler Onward Explorer. This vessel is commanded by his son, Peter, while Onward Fisher is under the command of

Adam Cargill

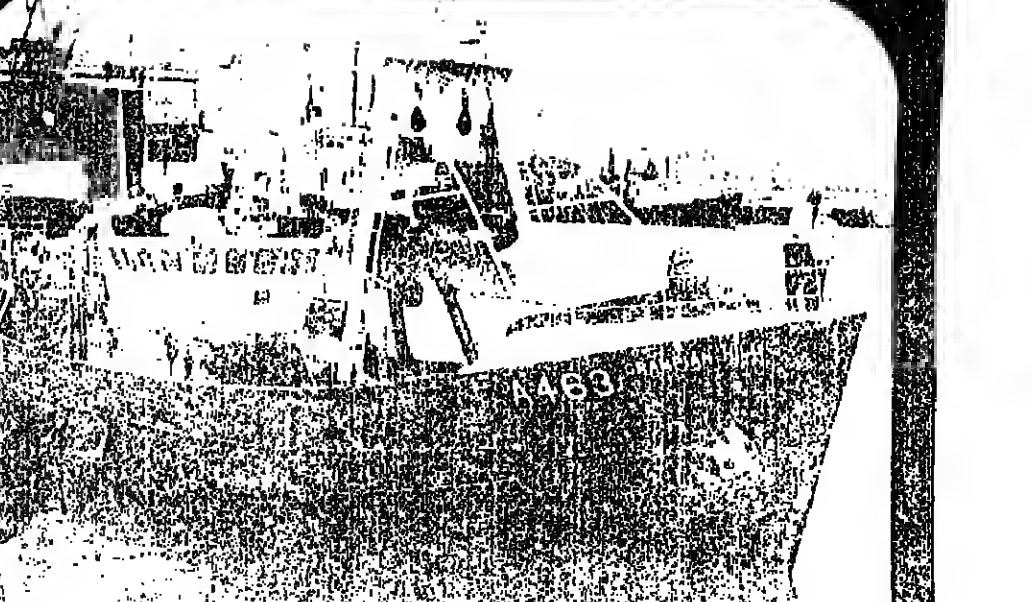
ADAM Cargill, a prominent figure in Arbroath's fishing community, has died suddenly aged 76.

Mr. Cargill was a seaman all his working life. He first went fishing over 60 years ago, during the First World War, then served in the Royal Naval Trawler Reserve on minesweeping.

At the end of his war service, Mr. Cargill returned to fishing and sailed from the East Anglian port of Yarmouth at the herring fishing. He was president of Arbroath Fishermen's Association from 1945 to 1947 and, during the Second World War, he served on the Scot-

Two new side trawlers rely on G&M auxiliary generators

G & M Generators were chosen by Scott & Sons Ltd. of Bowling to provide reliable auxiliary power for Grampian Hill and Grampian Glen, two new side trawlers built for the North Star Fishing Company of Aberdeen.



The generators specified for the exacting work on board these trawlers were G & M Marine Dieselite Series MDV. These are powered by Volvo Diesel engines and have an output of 30 kVA. They are also equipped with hydraulic pumps for powering winches and hauling gear.

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The letter states: "At the present time the fish trade is facing one of the most crucial stages it has ever faced in its long history.

"Demand has suffered a steady decline ever since 1946 but now appears to be stabilising, and with the rising cost of food, it most surely be of immense benefit to the public at large for the consumption of fish to increase considerably from its present level.

"At the same time we are starting by degrees to woo the housewife from demerol to pelagic fish, to bring demand more in line with the pattern of catches by middle water and inshore fishermen.

"One answer to any supply problem, as far as we are concerned, would be to increase imports to cover any short-fall, but at best this can only be regarded as a short-term solution.

"For one thing, other countries' catches will be competed for by, for instance, the United States market. In any case the acute danger of over-fishing means that the total EEC catch would be liable to diminish within a relatively short time.

"The French do not let us go over there and raid their grovepines; the Dutch do not let us dig up their tulips; so we find it quite beyond belief that the Government should ever entertain the possibility of letting others take our fish.

"We can only assume that we have misunderstood recent statements and seek your assurance that there is no intention to give away what is rightfully this country's property.

"A delegation from this Federation would welcome the opportunity to attend the Ministry to explicate our views more fully."

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Seam filling— caulking or glue?

"WE ARE going to have a laid deck in the boat we are fitting out with the help of a retired shipwright."

"He says that we should fill the seams with marine glue, but we have an idea that one of the modern synthetic rubber caulking compositions would prove more satisfactory and last longer."

"We would like to know whether you agree and if you can tell us where to get a first class sealant of this kind."

"I agree that if you are prepared to go to the expense of using a synthetic rubber sealant, the mixture cures to form a tough, rubber-like seal which adheres firmly to the deck planks no matter how much they expand and contract. The composition, after it has had time to cure properly, is impervious to sea water, fuel oils and other substances. Before you use the sealant,

recently used when the decks of the Cutty Sark were re-caulked is likely to be as good as any for your purpose."

The old clipper's teak decks must be subjected to as much wear and tear as those of any vessel now that she is in dry dock at Greenwich and constantly thronged by visitors.

The composition is known as Arbokol 2175 Deck Caulking Sealant. It is a two component polysulphide-based sealant specially formulated for seam filling.

When the two components are mixed, the mixture cures to form a tough, rubber-like seal which adheres firmly to the deck planks no matter how much they expand and contract.

The composition, after it has had time to cure properly, is impervious to sea water, fuel oils and other substances. Before you use the sealant,

you have to caulk seams with cotton — not oakum, which contains tar — end brush or blow them out to remove loose dust, shavings etc.

You then mix Part A with Part B of the primer and coat seams with the mixture at least one hour before you begin the principal operation.

When you are ready to go, you squeeze the curing agent into the base component and stir until the two are thoroughly mixed.

This mixture remains pourable for about an hour and you can either fill a cavity with it for application by caulking gun or bend the tin containing it so that you can pour it into the seams.

Although the potting appears to have formed into rubber within a couple of hours and you can press it with a finger without adhering; curing continues for seven days.

After that time, however,

Looking for lobster creels

"ABOUT six years ago I bought some East Coast type lobster creels from a chap in Yorkshires. They were made of iron and had two perlores."

"I want to get some more of them but have lost the address of the maker. All I know is that it was not in a seaside town."

"I wonder whether you can remember it. He advertised in Fishing News."

"About the time you mention, a creel with a steel frame and base was being marketed by Alan Medley's firm at Northern Rope and Twine at Gillingham."

Its base measured 24 x 16 in. and was constructed of steel slats. The bows were made of 5/16 in. rod. The creel was 13 1/2 in. high and weighed 16 lb.

Alan Medley's steel-framed pot.

Its frame was covered with polythene netting and there were two entrances — one on either side at opposite ends of the creel — made with netting of the same sized mesh. No rings were fitted in the entrances.

Another steel creel was being made in Yorkshire at the time — by J. Wilson's Inshore Fishing Gear Company at Gillingham near Leeds.

Its bows were constructed with 3/8 in. or 5/16 in. steel rod and its base with 1 1/2 in. flat steel bar. It measured 26 x 20 x 13 1/2 in. and weighed about 10 lb. If supplied with a netted frame, its entrances were fitted with special escape inhibitors.

I don't know whether J. Wilson is still making this

DELAGIC TRAWLS

"COULD you explain about the shape, size and operation of a delagic trawl?"

As its name implies a delagic trawl is a hybrid between a demersal and pelagic trawl; it can be towed along the seabed or in mid-water without having to be re-rigged.

Designed by the Scottish Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for use by vessels powered by engines of between 600 and 1,000 hp, it was first tested successfully in the research vessel Explorer.

Ground

It has since been stated that trawls of this type can be made for use in any size of vessel and that they can be towed over rough ground on which conventional demersal trawls would be damaged.

The delagic trawl has a larger mouth than most trawls. A comparison between one of them and a Granton trawl — but towed at three knots — revealed that the delagic had a board spread 24 fathoms (Granton 33), a net spread of 17 fm. (Granton 8.5), and a vertical net opening of eight fathoms (Granton one fathom).

Tests also showed that delagic trawls can catch fish swimming above the seabed just above the reach of conventional bottom trawls, but that they are less effective for

catching flat fish on the bottom.

A delagic trawl can be towed on the bottom or in mid-water during one drag. Its four panel construction is similar to that of a pelagic trawl in that large meshes are used in some panels and the it is used with Suberkrub-type doors which remain at least eight fathoms above the seabed when groundrope and weights are in contact with it.

Bottom and side panels are tailored so that, when towed, along the bottom, netting remains clear of it even though the groundrope is in contact with it over its whole length.

Suberkrub-type doors generate an upward force which increases with speed and they enable gear depth to be finely controlled. During trials it was found possible to raise a delagic trawl 20 fathoms in three minutes by increasing speed.

Wake

The doors also generate a turbulent wake passing approximately along the line of the sweeps and it is likely that this turbulence acts as a deterrent to fish passing over the sweeps.

A delagic trawl — to put it concisely — is one with a large mouth which can be towed along the bottom to catch demersal fish or raised by means of Suberkrub-type doors and increased speed to catch pelagic fish — or in reverse — during the course of a single haul.

Further information about its construction and operation can be obtained from Fisheries Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, 100, House, 3 Lady Lawson St, Edinburgh EH3 9DR.

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"It would have to be exceptionally robust — suitable for winching up the beach — and be fitted with at least two bilge runners on each side as well as a stout sole iron."

"Provision would have to be made in it for fitting a stern tube and I would install an inboard diesel engine."

"I would prefer a simulated clinker hull and would be obliged if you can tell me where I can get one with suitable specifications."

The Rye Yacht Centre, Rye, Sussex, moulded a hull a year or two ago for winching up a pebble beach at Mullion Cove in Cornwall.

It was approved by the White Fish Authority and must have been constructed adequately robust. But, I remember rightly, it was over 18 ft. long and had a simulated clinker construction.

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August 20, 1976

FISHING NEWS



Lowestoft harbour, with Waveney Dock fish market on the left. Opposite, by the sea wall, is the site of the proposed 217m. barge service site.

Barge service site may hit fish at Lowestoft

THERE are still fears among merchants and trawler owners that catches on Lowestoft market could be polluted if a proposed industrial development goes ahead at the harbour. This is despite assurances given at official level and from the company concerned.

EAB, an engineering company which is part of the Plessey Group, has put forward plans for a massive 217m. development on a six acre site between the north harbour pier and the coastguard station.

The land forms a narrow strip between the sea and the Hamilton Dock, where Lowestoft inshore fleet is based, and directly opposite the main fish market.

The site will be used for servicing big sea barges and other equipment for North Sea rigs and platforms.

A lot of grit-blasting and paint spraying work will be carried out and barges of up to 400-500 ft. are envisaged.

Some of these, said a spokesman for EAB, would be moored end-on which would take them halfway across Hamilton Dock. "But that will only happen a few times a year," he said.

But the main worry of fish merchants and trawler owners is the possibility of pollution from the grit-blasting and paint spraying.

Waveney district planning committee was told last week that there might be a "price to pay" for having that type of industry so near to a highly-perishable food market. One answer might be erect protective screens round the market and another, the committee was told, could be to have compensation claims settled through insurance firms.

Both ideas have been quickly shot down by most of the firms on the market. Peter Leighton, secretary of the Lowestoft Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, said the

idea of submitting insurance claims if fish supplies were affected by pollution was "practically unworkable."

"The possibility of pollution affecting fish newly landed on the market is an alarming one," he said. "It would be virtually impossible to operate a screening system during landing or sorting operations."

Screening would involve heavy expenditure — estimates of £60,000 for the whole market have been put forward — and, said Mr. Leighton, if pollution did occur there would be no warning. There was also the risk of health hazard to men working on the market.

The owners were also worried about safety to shipping in the confined waters of the harbour entrance and the Hamilton-Waveney docks area.

"We have been told that barges of up to 400 ft. will be coming in — and that later on this may go up to 500 ft.," he said.

Nees Point Fisheries, one of the firms which handles inshore landings, said there could obviously be some problems from having industry as its next door neighbour, but thought screening might be possible.

The firm's managing director, Peter Catchpole, said he welcomed the arrival of new industry which was badly needed to bring new life into the port.

The firm had, unfortunately, received some bad publicity because of the dust and

noise from its premises at Oulton Broad, on the edge of Lowestoft, but the new development would be away from any residential area and there should be minimal nuisance.

Another inshore firm, BFP, said it was too early yet to

assess the situation, but it would obviously cost thousands of pounds to erect screens round the market and it seems unfair that the fishing industry should be asked to foot the bill for a problem created by another concern.

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OVER £5,000 FROM WIVES' PORT FAIR

A RECORD £5,000 was raised at the Fishermen's Wives' Port Fair held on Scarborough's West Pier.

This was the first time that the fair has been held on a Sunday and, said Mrs. Maggie Mainprize one of the

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ROKER CATCHES UP AT MILFORD

THERE were improved landings of roker at Milford Haven last week after a series of poor catches. The port's top ship was the Swansea-owning George Wilson (Skipper Rona Evans) which made £4,886 from 148 kits.

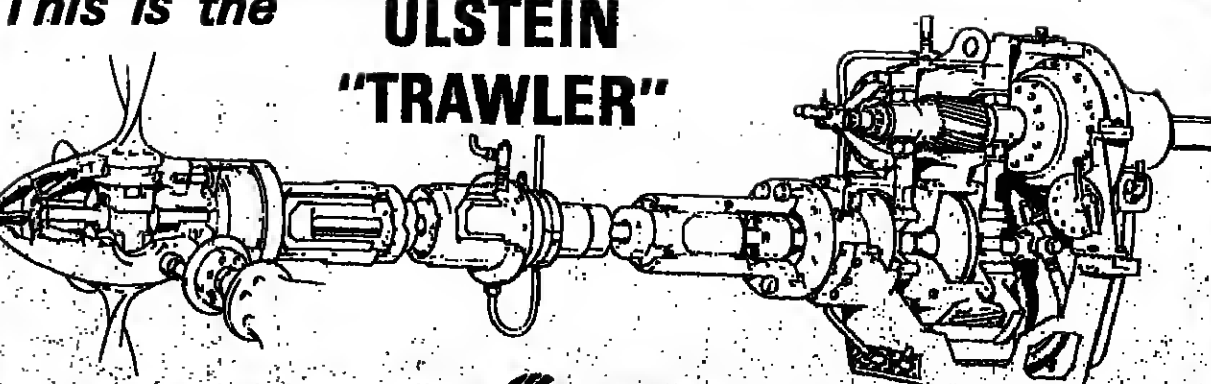
On the same day Bryher (Skipper A. James) landed 136 kits for a grossing of £3,824. Between them they landed a total of 80 of cod, 20 of whiting, 100 of roker, five of turbot and brill, 20 of

plaice and five of soles.

There was also a good grossing for one of the port's youngest skippers, John Rogers in command of Norrad Star. He brought the vessel back to port with 143 kits which sold for £3,763.

On the same day Jodestar Gypsy (Skipper Jim Brodie) landed 141 kits which sold for £3,705. The vessels, between them, landed a total of 100 of cod, 35 of whiting, 70 of roker, three of turbot and brill, five of plaice and five of soles.

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FOLLOWING the modern trend towards more versatile near water vessels, Grimsby owners and agents A. E. Richardson & Co. Ltd. has added the multi-purpose Margaret (GY 334) to its successful fleet of seine-netters, pair teams and inshore trawlers.

Built by Møstel Træs-kibevarf, Marstal, Denmark (Yard No. 80), Margaret was named after Margaret Harrison, the wife of Fred Harrison who is managing director of Richardson's. Mrs. Harrison also performed the launching ceremony.

The vessel has begun fishing from Grimsby as an anchor-seiner under Skipper Jimmy Carson. The quickly-spoken skipper is a Scot from Redding, near Falkirk, whose family had no connections with the industry. Jimmy came to Grimsby in the early 1950s to try his luck and stayed on to become one of the port's most capable seiner skippers. He has just completed three successful years in the Richardson seiner Ejlend.

Of oak on oak construction, Margaret is a traditional design Danish multi-purpose craft with a cruiser stern, flush deck and raked stem, being capable of anchor-seining, flybooting and side trawling.

She is registered under Part IV at 39.27 tons and has the following main dimensions: length overall, 61.4 ft.; registered length, 56.7 ft.; breadth, 17.9 ft.; and depth, 8.6 ft.

The main engine is an elec-

tric start Gardner 8L3B eight-cylinder marine diesel which develops 230 bhp at 1,160 rpm. The unit drives through a Twin Disc MG 514 reverse reduction 4.13:1 gearbox to a Hundested VP 9 three-bladed propeller to give a speed in excess of 8½ knots and a static pull of at least three tons without a nozzle.

The propeller blades (recently re-shopped by Hundested) are fixed, although their pitch can be altered by an adjustment on the shaft for different work.

Powered from the fore end, through a flexible coupling, an extension shaft pulley drives a GGG self-priming pump and general service pump with a switchgear valve to circulate seawater through the main engine oil cooler and heat exchanger. Also on this shaft are the lower winch belt pulley and a step-up belt drive to a Transmotor ACG-220 alternator of 6.8 kW, capable of producing 220 amps at 24 volts.

On deck a ratchet and pawl fixed to the outer casing controls the jockey pulley to transfer the drive to the stepped-down top pulley shaft. Fenner pulleys on this shaft step-up the power to a Hydrex Hemworthy and Vickers Vane hydraulic pumps for the rope drums and net hauler respectively.

The auxiliary is a Lister ST225M of 18.25 bhp at 2,000 rpm, belt-driving a 1½ in. Desmi bilge and general service pump and a Transmotor ACG-165 alternator of 3.8 kW, capable of producing 110 amps at 24 volts.

The electrical system is 24 volt DC with both alternators feeding into separate Transmotor AVRR-800 B

transformers. For chlorides battery lights, some motor operation and station engine.

The electrical system includes a Nordac Radio E88 and includes a switchboard with fuses without replacement cooling down and fault.

Other engineering includes a Nordac electric motor pump, a hydraulic pump, a Brussells steering Electro-Rings, a fuel oil tank heater of 2,000 gallon freshwater tank heater.

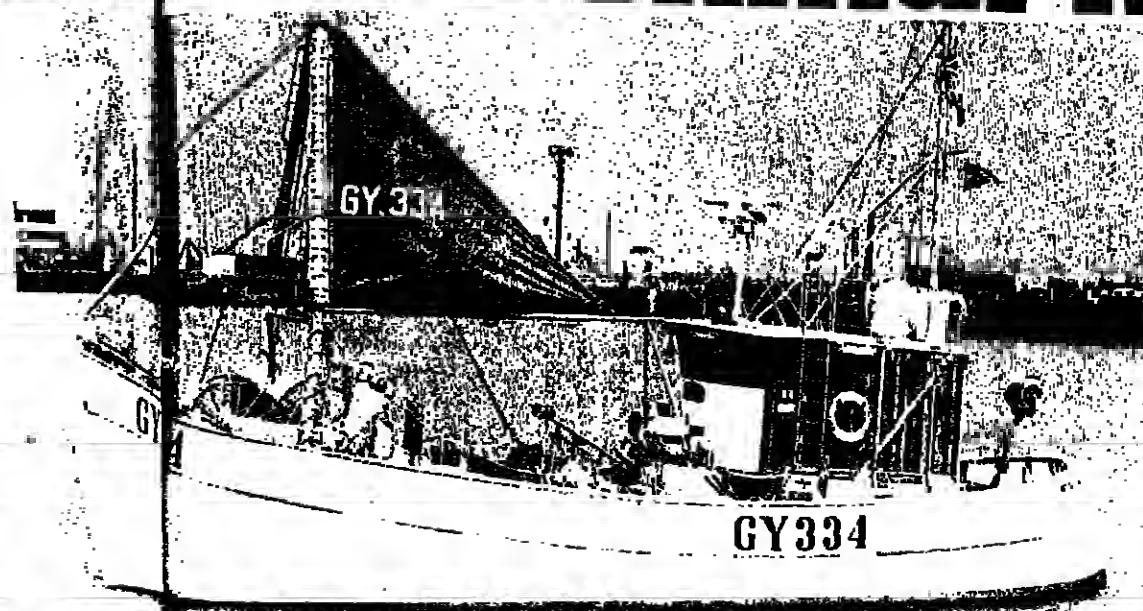
The deck layout is traditional and the compass is a Norlok wind, mounted on the wheelhouse. The "A" seine rope is positioned well forward of the port foredeck. The port foredeck is a district fishing. Hydrex KB-4 net hauler on the side.

Metal

Gallows for netting are fitted on the stern only and all metal on the deck, including the wheelhouse, is from galvanneal and blocks are from galvanneal.

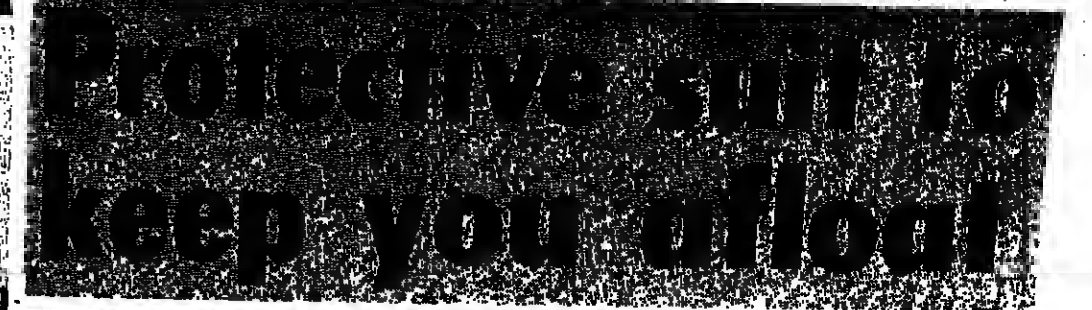
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Airborne Industries' new suit being put to the test. The wearer is kept afloat by air trapped between the double-skin of the suit. An inflation valve tops up the air inside.



WITH the introduction of plastics, fisherman's protective clothing has changed considerably over the last few years. Materials are lighter and more comfortable to wear and the two-piece suit has largely replaced the smock.

One of the problems which has not been solved is that of keeping a person afloat if he goes overboard, that is unless he is wearing a lifejacket which is not very practical when working on deck.

A new suit developed by Airborne Industries Ltd., of Leigh on Sea, would appear to offer some improvement to this situation.

The suit is high-visibility orange in colour and is made from nylon cloth coated with polyurethane. The grade used is fairly stiff, but stays flexible at low temperatures.

Air trap

The secret of this suit is its double skin. These skins are sealed at the shoulders and around the neck opening so that when the wearer falls or jumps in the water, air is trapped between the two skins and, as it cannot escape, it provides buoyancy.

The trousers are made in the same way so that if these are being worn alone there is still sufficient buoyancy to keep a person afloat; the trapped air can be topped up with an inflation valve.

The idea looks good and certainly has the merit of simplicity. In trials it worked well and without topping the air up there was plenty of buoyancy. It is not as effective as a proper lifejacket which will keep you floating face up if you are unconscious, but it is a good compromise.

Tests

The only snag would appear to be wear. Small air leaks could occur in the material and these would go undetected until an emergency. Possibly the makers will develop some means of testing the air-holding capabilities of the suit and it should not present an insoluble problem.

On the question of protective clothing, what you wear under the suit is important from the point of view of keeping warm. There are some very good under-suits on the market which are specially designed to retain warmth. Javelin, the wet suit people, make a suit which is like a fleece lined track suit which

can be worn on its own or over ordinary clothes.

Equinox make a set of thermal underwear which can be worn under ordinary clothes for those who don't want to be seen wearing special warm clothes. Both of these suits are made of nylon fabric and are washable.

They are not cheap, but are good value for what they do. They certainly proved very effective during a trip to Icelandic waters and are still effective even when wet.

Right: one of the larger suits in the range. Although fairly stiff the material stays flexible at low temperatures.

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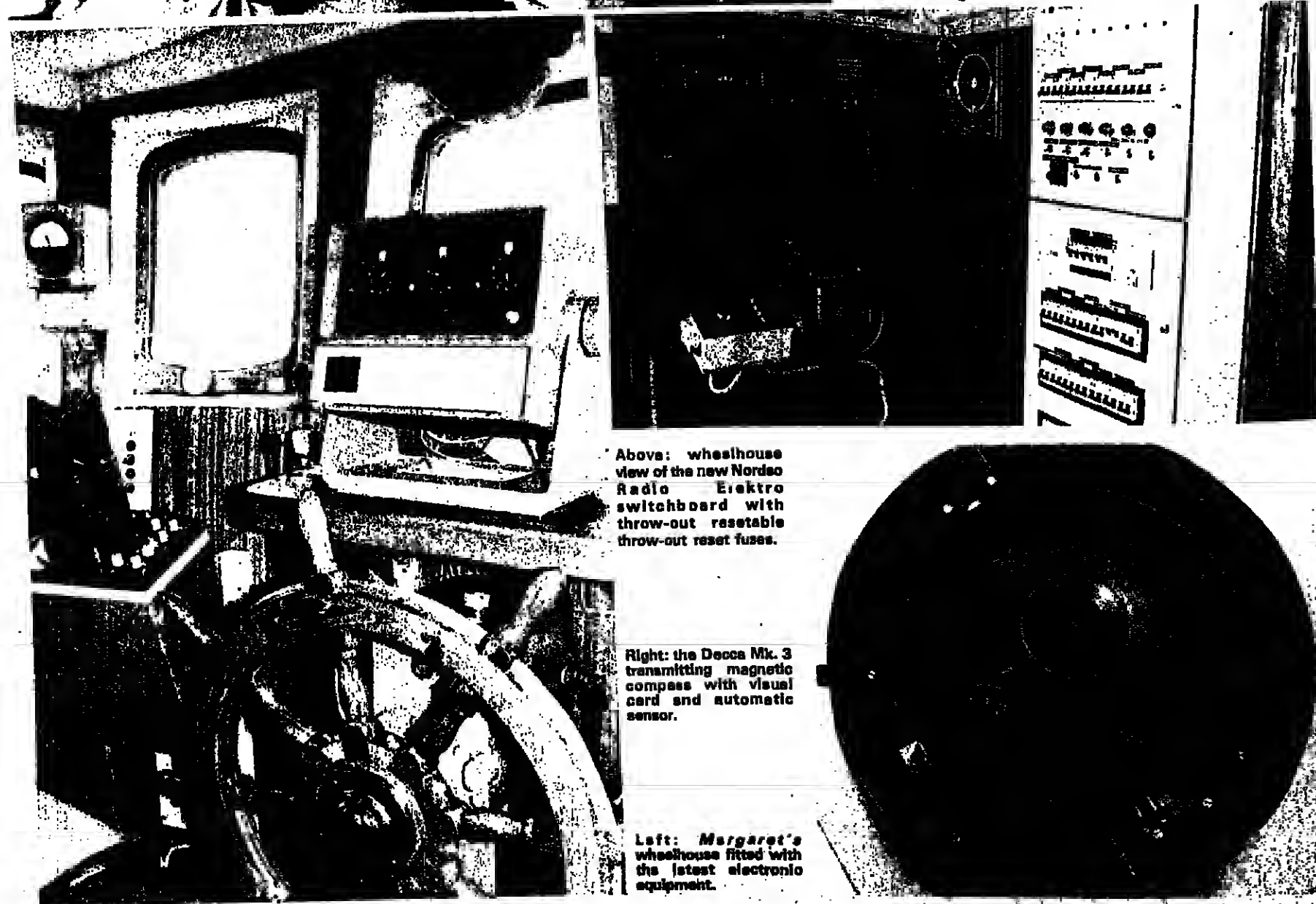
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Above: Margaret, A. E. Richardson's new versatile near water vessel, is fishing from Grimsby as an anchor-seiner. Below: her crew. Left to right, Skipper Jimmy Carson, Cyril White (mate), Jimmy Carson, Jr., and David Erwin.



Above: wheelhouse view of the new Nordac Radio Elektro switchboard with throw-out resettable throw-out reset fuses.

Right: the Decca Mk. 3 transmitting magnetic compass with visual card and automatic sensor.

Left: Margaret's wheelhouse fitted with the latest electronic equipment.

Right: the two-speed Norlau winch. Below: the Ramme rope drum installation.

More trials on 'promising' blue whiting

STRONG interest is now being shown in blue whiting — and with very good reason.

As one of the largest and still relatively unexploited fish resources in the north-east Atlantic it could, in the years ahead, help to offset a reduction in British landings of traditional species.

A reduction in cod and haddock is almost certain to come about as a result of international decisions on limits and catch quotas.

Research and development work so far has proved promising, but there remain many problems to solve if blue whiting is to be used for human consumption.

Processing machinery needs further development, more acceptability trials must be done and more needs to be found out about the biology, distribution and migration patterns of this species.

Exploratory voyages by the White Fish Authority (WFA) and Torry Research Station (TRS), on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, were made on the freezer trawler *St. Benedict* in 1974 and Arctic *Privateer* in 1975 to catch and process blue whiting.

Although filleting at sea with the machinery then available was not successful, these voyages did prove that the fish can be caught in quantity and, also, provided test supplies for on-shore processing and marketing.

Tests by the staff of Torry

Blue whiting — a possible replacement for cod, haddock and whiting — is from the same family.

Research Station and others showed the fish has a good flavour and could be made into a variety of products.

In late 1975 and early 1976, the WFA conducted acceptability trials in the catering market, including trials with shops, schools and hospitals, and with randomly-chosen housewives as tasters. The results of these various trials were encouraging, with the reaction of children to fried fillets being particularly favourable.

Filleting

While this work was in progress the WFA and TRS made representatives of Areco and Baeder, two fish processing machinery firms, to discuss the possibility of developing existing or new machinery for filleting blue whiting.

As a result Areco came up with a modified version of its CIS-CIF herring filleting machine, and Baeder revealed a prototype of a new fish can be caught in quantity and, also, provided test supplies for on-shore processing and marketing.

Tests by the staff of Torry

noway, in the Outer Hebrides, in the spring of this year (*Fishing News*, June 26).

The trials were a collaborative exercise between the WFA, TRS and the Highlands and Islands Development Board (HIDB).

The WFA had overall responsibility for the trials and disposal of the processed fish, and TRS had special responsibility for fish quality (including handling at sea), plus packaging and freezing of the fillets.

The HIDB arranged to catch blue whiting for these human consumption trials as part of its industrial fishery project off the west coast of Scotland.

The main objective of the trials was to test the feasibility of landing blue whiting in fresh condition at port close to the fishing grounds, processing it for human consumption, and supplying processors and friers with frozen fillets for trial work and marketing.

Two pair trawlers were the main vessels involved in the trials: the 103 ft, 1,000 hp, *Hebridean* (Skipper Alex Smith) and the 66 ft, 637 hp, *Shemara* (Skipper James

Although there is still a long way to go with the development of blue whiting, this report by the White Fish Authority brings up to date the progress made so far. It deals primarily with catching and processing; acceptability trials are continuing.



Pirie). *Shemara* was designed to accommodate chilled sea water (CSW) containers, and so she was allocated to return fish for the trials. It was arranged that she would return approximately ten tonnes of fresh fish from each of her seven trips, part of the catch being held in three CSW containers and the remainder iced in boxes.

To supplement the supply of blue whiting from *Hebridean* and *Shemara*, the WFA also contracted the 86.56 ft, end 750 hp *Pathfinder* (Skipper Bert Andrews). It was planned that she would single-boat trawl and land ten tonnes of fish on three successive weeks during the trials. The surplus fish from all three vessels was to go for fish meal.

Fishing started on April 7 and was initially concentrated west of the 200-fathom line, about 30 miles WSW of St. Kilda. The fishing pattern was similar to that on the Arctic *Privateer* voyage in 1975, with the fish shoaling during the day at about 200 fathoms and dispersing at night.

During the first week of May, however, the fish left this area and subsequent fishing was concentrated on the southern tip of the Faroe Shelf, about 60 miles south of Sydero, near the 200-fathom line.

Here the fishing pattern was somewhat different, with the fish shoaling at 100-150 fathoms and the greatest concentrations being found during the late evening at about 100 fathoms in about 125-150 fathoms of water.

The single-boat trawler *Pathfinder* spent the first week learning the fishing technique from WFA master fishermen Jimmy Robertson. After this there was no problem in taking large hauls, up to 60 tonnes, fishing in 200 fathoms depth.

Likewise the HIDB pair trawlers, after some initial working-up trials, were able to make large catches. This

was in spite of fishing "blind" due to defective net sounder equipment.

On all the voyages mentioned, staff from Torry Research Station, assisted by WFA, sailed with the vessels to instruct the crews on correct storage of the fish for optimum preservation.

Over part of the same period and area, fishery research vessels of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food conducted surveys of the extent of the blue whiting resources.

Fishing information was aided by the presence of over 40 vessels from other countries, fishing mainly industrially. The various nationalities, in addition to British, included Danish, Ferocese, French, Bretonn, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Swedish. Most of these vessels were stern trawlers over 150 ft. in length and many hauls of 100-170 tonnes were reported.

From samples taken at Stornoway, about 97 per cent of the fish were found to be in the overall length range of 24-35 cm., with an average length of 29 cm., and average weight of 120 g.

Quality of the fish kept in the CSW containers appeared to be better than the fish iced in boxes. Some of the boxed fish were crushed and bruised by the ice, whereas the CSW fish were unblemished. The CSW fish were also firmer than the boxed fish — a distinct advantage when filleting.

The processing work was carried out at the Rolf Olsen factory in Stornoway. The factory is primarily a herring

processing plant and has a work force of about 20 although generally only about 20 individuals were available for blue whiting processing at any one time.

The women and some of the men are normally hired during the herring close season and, therefore, the trials provided welcome employment during the period.

The performance of the Baeder 121 filleting machine, although not completely satisfactory, was very encouraging. It produced good, skin-on block fillets from a wide range of fish sizes. A fillet yield of 37 per cent was achieved, with a throughput of 100 fish per minute. Good quality, skin-on block fillets were also produced from small, gutted haddock and ordinary whiting.

What the machine did do, however, was to produce satisfactory skinless, boneless fillets, and this is what is needed for laminated blocks suitable for making fish fingers or portions.

However, Baeder is continuing with its development programme and hopes to have a re-built machine which will produce skinless single fillets ready for the 1977 season. It also plans to increase the throughput of the machine.

Flexible

Removal of the pinbones without disproportionate loss of yield may prove to be a difficult task, as they seem to be softer and more flexible than the rest of the fish.

Thus less objectionable to the consumer may be a "willing" accept of them. This was further investigated by the WFA. The Areco 111 filleting machine tested at Stornoway was a CIS-CIF herring type, with the filleting knife extensively modified for blue whiting. Operation of the machine was less satisfactory than the Baeder.

To supplement the supply



Above: the 103 ft. *Hebridean*, owned by the Highlands and Islands Development Board, hauling aboard a catch of blue whiting. She is commanded by Skipper Alex Smith. Left: a yield of 42 per cent was achieved when Rolf Olsen staff hand-filleted blue whiting. Below: feeding the all-new prototype Baeder 121 filleter with blue whiting. Despite its success, Baeder is to improve the machine for future trials. Production versions would be more compact and robust.



Below: *Shemara* lands her blue whiting at Stornoway. Skipper Jim Pirie's 66-footer used chilled sea water containers. The CSW tanks appeared to keep the blue whiting better than boxes. The ice tended to crush the bruised boxed fish.

of machine-produced fillets, the factory work-force also tried hand production of skin-on block fillets. Although they had little previous experience in filleting white fish, after some instruction and experience a filleting rate of 15 kg. of fillets per person an hour was achieved.

This rate is much lower than can be achieved on larger fish species but, nevertheless, it contributed a reasonable quantity of fillets for future acceptability trials. The skin-on block fillet yield was 42 per cent.

Initially, the hand-produced fillets were washed, graded and then frozen. The fillets were found to absorb water and become soft fairly rapidly, however, it was considered that washing and handling should be kept to a minimum.

Subsequently, therefore, the hand-processed fish were filleted, graded and weighed into batches before washing; thus the only handling operation after washing was pecking. This greatly improved the final quality of the fillets. The machine-produced fillets

were washed as part of the machining process. All fillets were individually graded into three categories: 40-60 g, 60-80 g and 80-100 g, before weighing into 4 kg batches. After this they were packed into 50 mm. deep trays, with polythene interleafs between each layer, and frozen in the factory's horizontal plate freezers.

A total of eight tonnes of block fillets were produced, of which about 20 per cent was machine filleted.

One objective of the trials was to produce a quantity of frozen laminated fillet blocks for fish finger or portion production. In the event, sufficient supplies of suitable single fillets were not available from the filleting machine and it was not practicable to produce the fillets in quantity by hand.

However, a few blocks were made using hand-cut single fillets and machine-cut block fillets. These were skinned by a Trlo skinning machine and trimmed by hand.

A quantity of mince blocks was also produced. This was done by skinning block fillets from the Baeder 121 in the Trlo skinning machine, then

passing the flesh through a Baeder 694 bone separator. This produced a mince with good, clean appearance.

Seven tonnes of whole blue whiting were also frozen for future use, the fish being laid in trays 60 mm. deep and frozen into 7 kg. blocks.

Although results so far are encouraging and suggest that this species may in time make a valuable contribution to the British white fish supply, it is clear that much work remains to be done on handling, processing and acceptability before blue whiting can be fully utilized for human consumption.

Meanwhile, all sections of the fish industry — catchers, friers, institutional caterers and the major processors — are interested in the possible exploitation of this species. It is intended to carry out further exploration and development work in the autumn of 1976, extending well into 1977. Possible improvements in methods of handling and processing are being studied and a full economic assessment of the prospects of a viable blue whiting fishery is being done.

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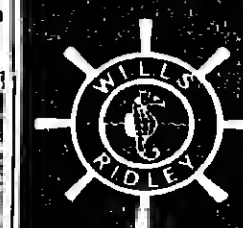
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